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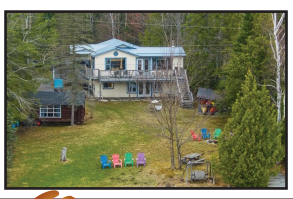

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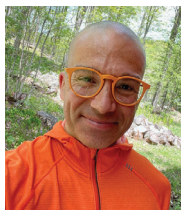
When you look at a can of cranberries, what do you see?

Do you see a delicious side dish to your Thanksgiving turkey?



JOHN WATSON
Special to County Life

Or do you also see the seeds that grew the cranberries? What about the farmers who planted, nurtured and harvested the cranberries? Or the sunlight, soil and water that helped the cranberries grow? What about the workers who mined the steel to make the can, or the recycler who smelted an old steel can to make a new one? What about the trees that provided the paper label, or the recycler who pulped old papers to make a new label?

The meal you enjoy at Thanksgiving is more than what was prepared by those working in your kitchen, or the kitchen of Abbey Gardens, the Portuguese Princess Bakery, or Molly's Bistro Bakery. Natural resources, technology and hundreds of people, will have helped provide your food from seed to field to plate.

This Thanksgiving, give thanks not only for family and friends, and a tasty meal, but also for the countless resources and people who made your meal possible.

And when it comes time to "throw away" that empty can of cranberries, remember too, the resources and time that went into making it. Don't throw it in the garbage where it's going to sit in a landfill for hundreds or thousands of years. Put that empty can (the paper label can stay on) in your Recycling for Containers, helping to conserve resources and energy.

Wishing you a thankful Thanksgiving.

John Watson is the Environmental Manager for the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Marvellous Maple
Autumn in the backyard.
/Submitted by Tammy Nash

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Paddling on the Edge

RICK WHITTEKER
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Sometimes travelling to the edge is a good idea. On the far western side of Haliburton County, twenty kilometers west of Carnarvon on Highway 118, Big East Lake sprawls across the landscape, a great spot for a day paddle, lakeside picnic or an overnight or two.

From the access parking to the lakeside is a 250-metre carry. This portage is not a walk in the park, a steady downhill grade along a boney ridge of the Canadian Shield, this protruding rock is a sampling of more to come. However, in wet conditions, this portage could pose hazards for those unprepared for a rugged, downhill start to the trip. Your effort will lead you to at a flat lakeside launch, a friendly put in for both canoes and kayaks.

What struck me early in my paddle is the amount of exposed rock on Big East. Starting with a rocky portage, small islands of rock, steep rock faces and rocky points, at the risk of belabouring the point, I just have to say … Big East rocks! So many sweet spots to stop for a swim, a snack, or a sunny stretch and unlike many other accessible lakes like this, there are no cottages taking over the best locations.

Many rocky islands and points invite you for a visit on Big East. /RICK WHITTEKER Special to *County Life*

As the summer slips by and the daylight hours seem to be on a dimmer switch, finding sunny bastions to bask and breath deep are numerous on this lake. For similar reasons, this lake is where I have twice seen the Common Five-Lined Skink. Eastern Canada's only lizard with a fancy blue tail, you might think the skink would be just lounging around, showing off, all puffy chested with self-importance and beauty. Quite the contrary, they are fast, elusive and you often get just a brief glimpse of their bright blue tail ducking under a rock.

A species at risk, the Five Lined Skink looks like a salamander, but it is a reptile. Preferring warm, dry locations like open, rocky areas with loose rocks, skinks use these rocks for hibernation, foraging, thermoregulation, and nesting. Being ectothermic (cold blooded) flat rocks in sunny locations are important thermal battery chargers. Furthermore, when nesting, they take a sun bath on the warm rocks, then wrap themselves around their eggs to warm them up too! The hatchlings are quick learners needing only one day out of their shell before they are ready to hunt for their favourite food: beetles, ants, flies, crickets, and spiders.

Uniquely adapted, skinks can disconnect segments or their entire tail if confronted by a predator. The tail is often brightly colored and twitches when disconnected, distracting the predator long enough for a quick escape. A new tail grows over time, however, their second tail is not as good as the original. This poses a problem for the skink as their tail stores fat, helping them to survive the winter hibernation. We can all help skinks by leaving larger rocks in place on campsites and in other open, rocky areas.

Big East is great for exploring. With multiple bays, many of which end in a wetland or creek, there are many good spots to quietly paddle looking for turtles, herons, and moose. In one bay we found shallow channels with glops of mud piled on both sides. It became obvious that a beaver had been dredging out these channels making them deep enough for swimming, allowing access to the shoreline forest without having to waddle through thick vegetation.

In this same wetland, we found wild cranberries. A trailing evergreen shrub, the wild cranberry prefers more acidic bog habitats, swamps, and even wet meadows. Far more nutritious than their store-bought cousins, the two fruits look very similar. Ripening to red in the fall, First Nations people used the dried berries in pemmican, soups, and stews. Cranberry juice has arbu-

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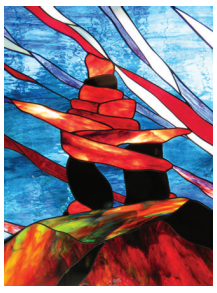

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The bright blue tail of the Common Five-Lined Skink makes it easy to identify. /Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

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tin in it, an anti-bacterial agent long used for bladder infections. If harvesting wild cranberries, always respect foraging principles, leaving lots of fruit for wildlife and the next crop of plants.

Big East runs in a north south direction and has over 20 backcountry camping sites managed by the Haliburton Water Trails. The Poker Lake System map has a large-scale and is easy to read. The map covers both Big East to the south and a series of linked up lakes to the north, called the Poker Lake Loop. Many of the campsites on Big East are classics with rocky points and mature white pines. Prevailing winds from the west don't have the time to build up significant waves on this narrow lake and sheltered spots are easy to find to get a break from the breeze if desired.

For me, one of the main attractions of Big East is the feeling of wilderness that quickly settles into the consciousness here. Road sounds abruptly fade and with channels, bays and islands galore, campers and paddlers can easily spread out. Haliburton County shares a tiny bit of Big East with Muskoka, but these matters don't concern me. I go for the accessible wildness, clean water, fresh air, and the physical and mental rejuvenation that organically results from slow, self-propelled travel in natural settings.

Setting sun on a west facing campsite on Big East. /RICK WHITTEKER Special to *County Life*

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A Highlands harvest

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

IT'S THAT time of year to traditionally celebrate a successful harvest. Of course, if you're an avid gardener, you've likely already been enjoying your own harvest for the last several weeks, provided the deer haven't been enjoying your garden too much!

Historically, harvest time in the Highlands would have been a flurry of activity. Whether you farmed a significant portion of land or simply kept a small kitchen garden, it made sense to preserve some of what you grew.

Today, our grocery stores may be able to bring us a taste of summer during the colder months by way of other parts of the world, but in the 19th century, you needed to do it yourself and plan ahead. A combination of preserving, pickling and clever use of a cold cellar could help you deal with a sudden glut of produce, as would some helping hands.

While it was a busy time in local kitchens, it was also a time to celebrate, and, if your garden had been very impressive that year, perhaps a different sort of celebration was in order. Local agricultural fairs provided an opportunity for neighbours to gather, but there were also prizes to be won!

On September 26, 1865, the Dysart Agricultural Society held its first fair, showcasing what would have essentially been the first full harvest since the official establishment of Haliburton Village the year before. It

was a fairly simple affair, with a large shed set up on Queen Street — today's Highland Street — to showcase the best of the year's harvest. Residents kept the event busy throughout the morning and early afternoon, checking out the entries and counting down the moments until the winners would be announced.

Winners included John Lucas for his oxen and Alex Pogue for his sheep, while William Stothart took home a prize for his turnips and Samuel Hurt for his beets. Charles Stewart, the secretary of the Society, took home six prizes for crops still commonplace to us today, such as peas and carrots, as well as some that might be less familiar, like mangle wurzel.

A couple of weeks prior, Stewart had also sent some produce grown by local farmers all the way to the Provincial Agricultural Show in London, Ontario. The community had garnered prizes totaling $10.00 (of course, a much more significant sum then than it sounds today) and local farmers from Dysart received a special commendation from the judges for the quality of the grain they grew. Though the story of local agriculture quickly became a frustrating one for many families, due to declining soil quality and erosion, in these early days, optimism reigned supreme.

While this area may not have blossomed into the sort of agricultural paradise for which many early settler families hoped, the Haliburton Highlands has always had and still does have local producers, who are passionate about and dedicated to what they do.

Some of these producers have roots in the area stretching back as far as that 1865 agricultural fair, while others have more recently made the Highlands their home. You can find their produce all over our community, in spots ranging from local shops to farmers' markets and even roadside stalls.

As you make plans for this holiday long weekend, I hope you'll seek out some of their products and include them in your celebrations - yet another thing for which to be thankful in our wonderful community!

Top 10 inventions that never caught on

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

WE ALL know some famous inventions – the automobile, the airplane, the toothpick. But very few people are aware of the inventions that didn't quite make the grade. Here are my top 10.

1. The "Hey, maybe you should stop" sign.
2. The extra-large shovel.
3. Catapult-based transit systems.
4. The transparent poop and scoop bag.
5. The readable legal contract.
6. The long distance turtle race track.
7. Laser-pointer resistant cats.
8. No frills parachutes.
9. Glass bottomed airplanes.
10. Grizzly bear calls.

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Fall

Crows, cowering, in the crooks of willows,
their screeches, scratching Air, breeze, rumpling the peace of the pond,
as I stare into the ripples, listening to the crows bickering back and forth,
a leaf floating amongst the colony of lily-pads,
its tree, a splinter lighter than when it still fluttered on its branch,
this first fleck of fall, as I lift my eyes up towards a mottled Sky,
a pair of geese, gliding up there, veering off in opposite directions,
their honks, piercing the silence between the crows' caws.
I watch them fly farther and farther apart, up in Sky,
wondering whether they will reconcile, beyond where my eyes can see,
wondering whether the crows hear their honks too, listening to the language of flight,
that sounds different than their own, as they perch, silent, in the branches of willows,
their tresses drooping towards the pond, skimming its surface, that's smoothed back to stillness again,
the chill in morning Air, making me shiver, as Sun remains huddled in its cloak of clouds,
the honking of the geese, lingering in my ears, a harbinger of fall, and summer's retreat,
as my feet pad around the circumference of the pond, slipping out of my flip-flops, maybe for the last time,
to feel the blades of grass, tickle my soles, watching a stray leaf twirling towards the ground,
the sound of its landing, muffled by grass, as I peer up at the maple, nestled between a pair of willows,
soothed by the silence of a leaf, as it falls, the space it leaves behind,
where its stem loosened from its twig, filled with the crows' caws, shredding Air, again,
as I watch one fly out of the shelter of the willow, back into open space,
the gloss of its black wings, as it flaps over the pond, the other crow, remaining behind,
hidden in the willow's crown, shrieking after the one that's left.
I watch the black speck melt into Air, its screeches, receding, as it flies higher, towards Sky,
the shroud of clouds, lifting, as Sun unveils its light,
polishing the pond and lily-pads and the lone leaf,
floating, silent as summer, curling into fall.

Sylvie Kalenda

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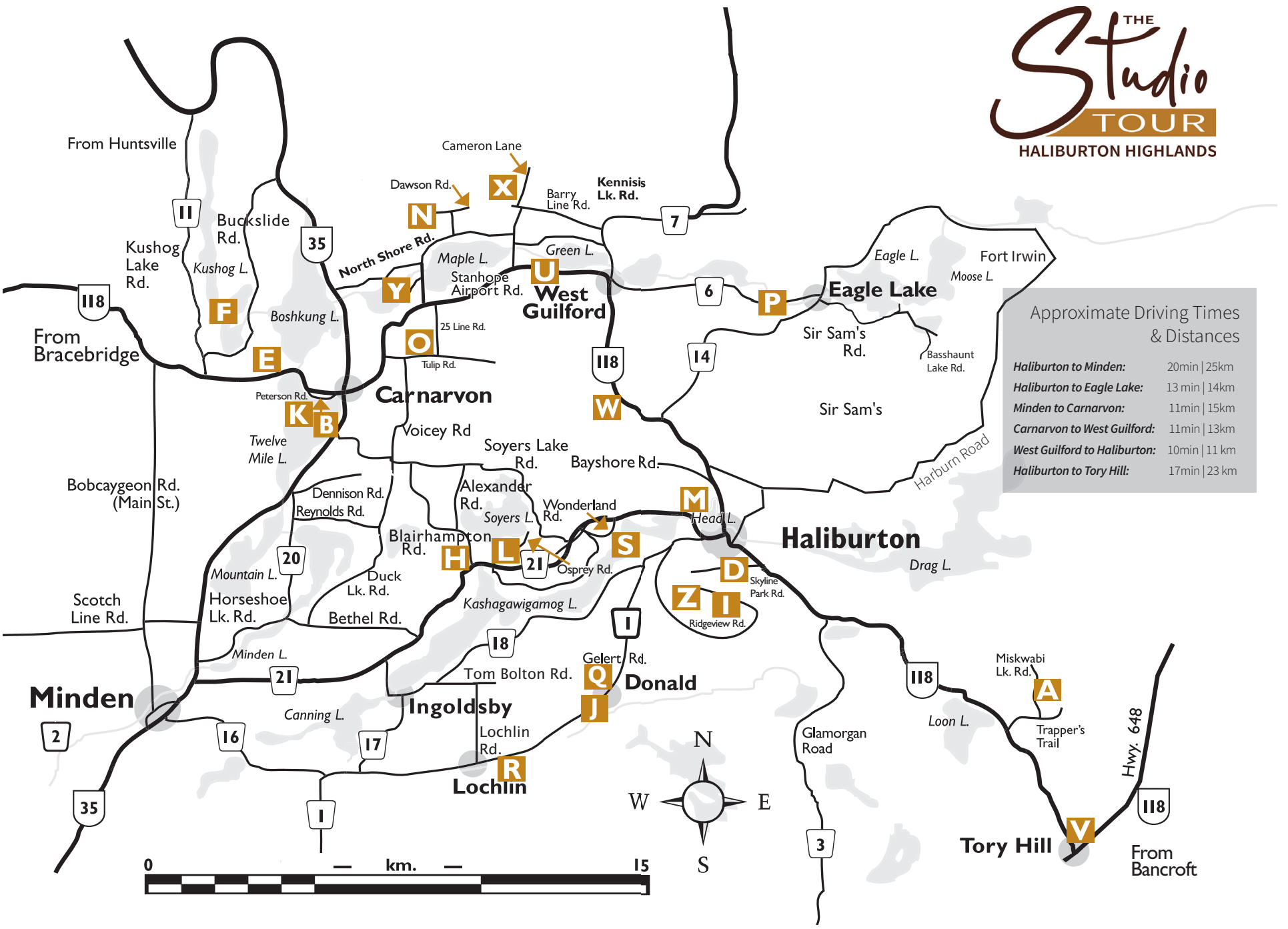

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Writing on the Senior Side

See the colours, be thankful

GAIL STELTER
Special to *County Life*

He saunters into the school, and I see him approaching my office. He always seems so calm and content. His white hair, white collar and the black suit of his priesthood contrast with his soft-soled beige moccasins. How can you do anything but saunter when wearing soft-soled beige moccasins? As he enters my office, he will ask me how I am doing, and he really wants to know. We will commiserate on the challenges of my first year as principal of an extremely big elementary school; a staff of 65 and a student population of almost 1000. Then he will make his way to the gym to prepare for our school mass. I already know what the theme of his talk will be.

"I never met a thankful person who wasn't also a happy person."

I will always remember him saying this. Is it that simple? Be thankful, and you will be happy! I certainly would like to think so.

It is the season of thankfulness (though we know it should not be confined to any one season). It is Thanksgiving, and our town, schools, and homes are filled with fall colours. I look out my window on the world, my world, and I watch the leaves as they turn. We may call it colourfest or autumn splendour, a spectacular miracle of nature. See the colours.

Living on the senior side is a daily practice of thankfulness. How can we not be thankful for a life lived and still going? Maybe not going quite as strong as we would like, but still going.

In the days before now, the turkey is in the oven, and we are at Rattlesnake Point for our Thanksgiving Day hike. In the now, we are at Glebe Park and the Sculpture Forest. Can you feel the rustle of fallen leaves beneath your feet? Can you see little ones making piles and jumping in them? Can you imagine the smell of the turkey in the oven? Can you feel the anticipation as dinner is approaching? Do you go around the table and listen as each person shares something for which he or she is thankful?

Perhaps you remember the trips to the pumpkin patch or a walk to collect leaves. Get out the ironing board, the iron and the wax paper. We are going to wax leaves and keep them forever! Do you remember making leaf prints in school? One year I brought in a door screen cut into small squares and toothbrushes and with autumn leaves and paint colours, we created stunning leaf prints. Remember the acrostic poem where you had to write one thing you were thankful for using the letters in Thanksgiving, or how about all the turkeys made from handprints?

We are Canadian, and we love autumn. The nostalgia associated with autumn gives us traditions and brings us a sense of comfort and safety. Football. When we were kids, (that means young, married, with no kids), we had season tickets to the Argos. An autumn day sitting on the bleachers at the CNE, cheering on Joe Theisman, Leon McQuay and Tricky Dick Thronton was just the best. But we shall not rest in our nostalgia and traditions. We will do something fun this autumn. We are not too old.

Take the autumn colours and colour your life with them.

I went to ColourFest, and what a joy to see the young families, including my daughter and two of my grandchildren, making a scarecrow. The new playground is amazing, and we are in awe as we watch the kids try out the zipline and

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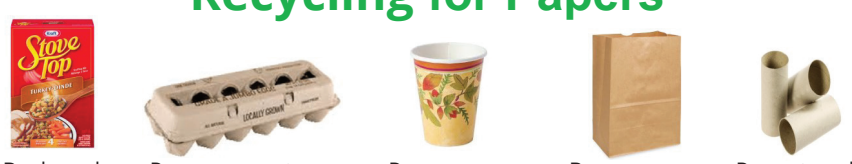

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Writing on the Senior Side

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climbing activities. I cannot help but smile as they line up ready to roll their pumpkins down York Street. I am thankful for the staff and all the volunteers who so willingly gave their time and energy to make this happen.

I will collect leaves for the Thanksgiving table. I will have pumpkin spice in my coffee, and I will sit by a fall campfire. I think I might even go to a pumpkin patch. Won't they wonder what an old lady is doing at a pumpkin patch? Ah, who cares what "they" wonder!

As I was reading about autumn, I fell upon a statement that said people tend to feel more comfortable about their bodies and appearance in the fall because they are wearing more or bulkier clothing. Well, I do like getting back to scarves that cover my neck! I also like long sweaters and hats!

Many of us like the autumn temperatures. According to research at the University of California, people's happiness declines as temperatures rise above 70 degrees Fahrenheit/21 degrees Celsius or fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit/10 degrees Celsius. Not sure I agree with this. Love a hot summer swimming in the lakes of the Haliburton Highlands!

Researchers are also beginning to unravel the biological and developmental underpinnings of gratitude and are finding reason to believe it may be easier to feel grateful as we age. Older people have a sunnier outlook because the limbic system, particularly the amygdala, (the area of the brain involved in emotional attention and memory), becomes less active in response to negative information. At the same time, older individuals maintain or even increase their reactivity to positive information. Gratitude is believed to be associated with higher cognition and social reasoning (theglobeandmail.com).

Practicing gratitude in small ways reaps dividends over time. When you have higher levels of gratitude you tend to be more socially connected, better able to handle stress, have lower levels of depression, better sleep quality and stronger biomarkers such as higher rates of good cholesterol. Expressing gratitude in an introspective way is wonderful, but expressing it to another person is perhaps even better (National Council on Aging - ncoa.org).

Accordingly, while aging is inevitable, feelings of sadness and despair need not be part of the process. Giving thanks can transform your life. Take a few moments each day and focus on all you have and are grateful for. Of course, we know that when things are going well in our lives, it is easy to express gratitude but when they are not going so well, we need gratitude even more. Adopting an attitude of gratitude means we are able to take on the negative things and challenge ourselves to find ways to be grateful for them. Perhaps the parish priest had it right. I never met a thankful person who wasn't also a happy person.

See the colours, and be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Community Events

Send your event listing to

classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Contract Bridge
When: Every Tuesday, 9am - 12pm
Where: Minden United Church basement, 21 Newcastle Street
Our weekly contract bridge has resumed and it's hoped that many will come back, along with new members. All levels of skill welcomed.

Haliburton Rotary Membership Open House
When: Thursday, Oct 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Mountbatten Room
Are you looking for a way to deepen your connection to our community and have a ton of fun while doing it? Look no further than the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Come learn what it's all about at this low pressure presentation. RSVP to haliburtonrotary@gmail.com

Autumn Harvest Dance
When: Oct. 6, 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion,
Come join the Lion's Club for their Autumn Harvest Dance featuring the highlands soul band 'Adverse Conditions'. Doors and bar open at 6 p.m. with beef on a bun at 7 p.m. Tickets are $35 per person or $60 per couple. To purchase tickets or for more information please visit www.haliburtonlions.com or call 705-457-1354.

Coffeehouse
When: Tuesday Oct. 10, 7 to 8 p.m.
Where: Castle Antiques, 223 Highland St. Haliburton
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Outdoor Christmas Pots
When: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center,
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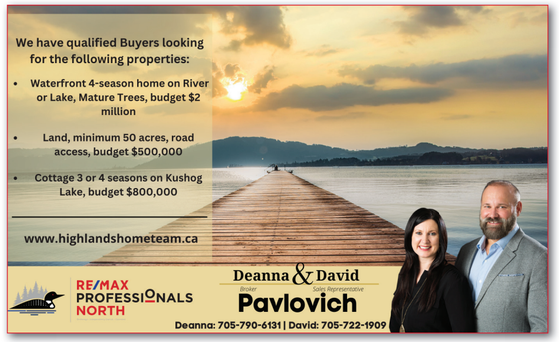
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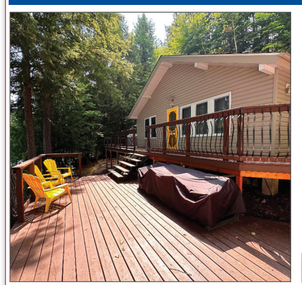

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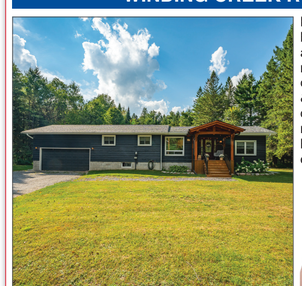

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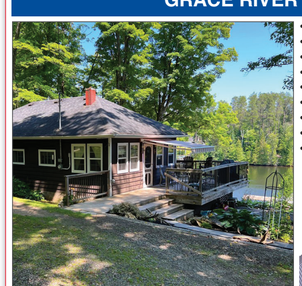

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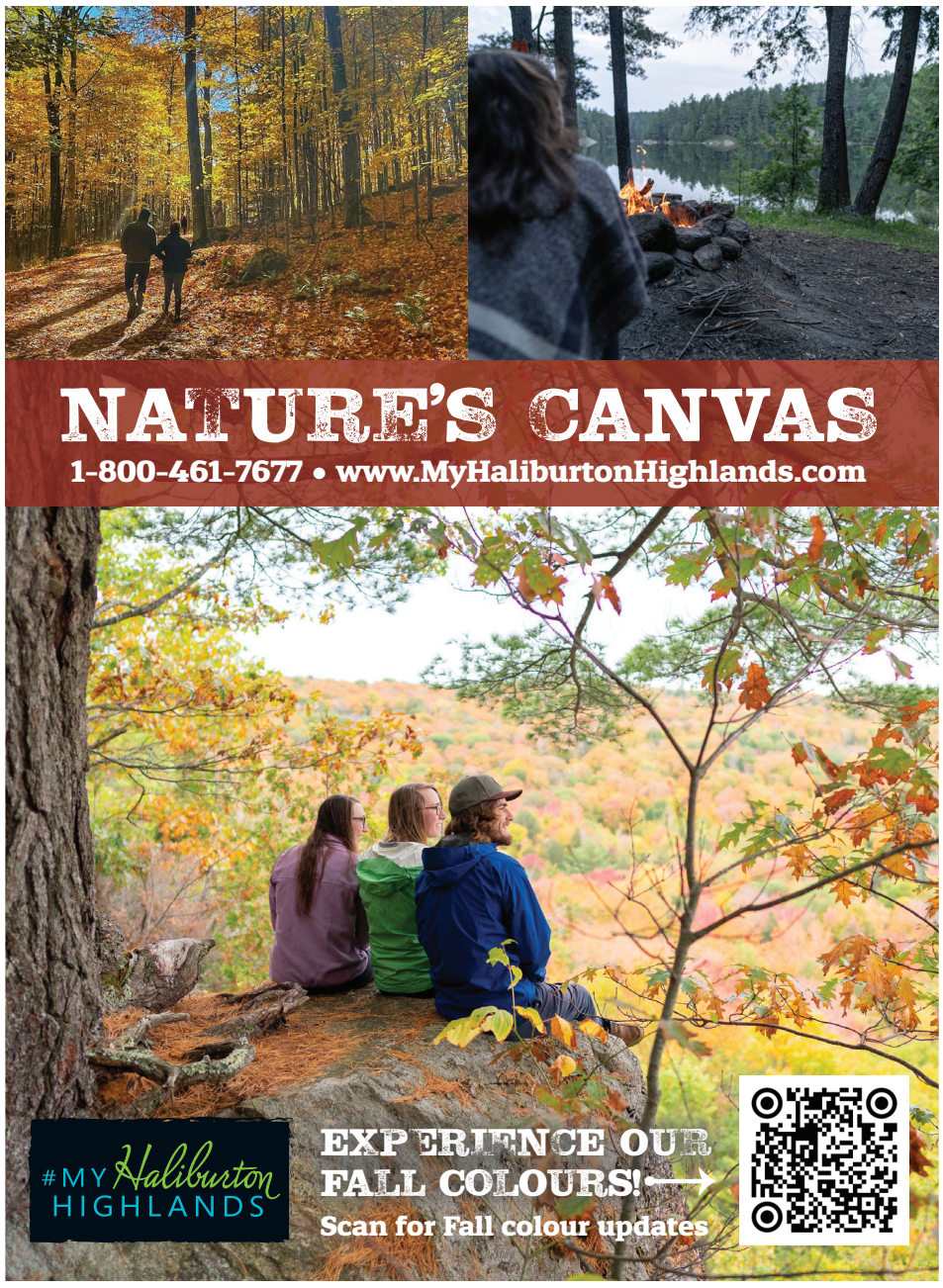
A curious blue jay. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A fisher takes a drink. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



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Cook with Caution

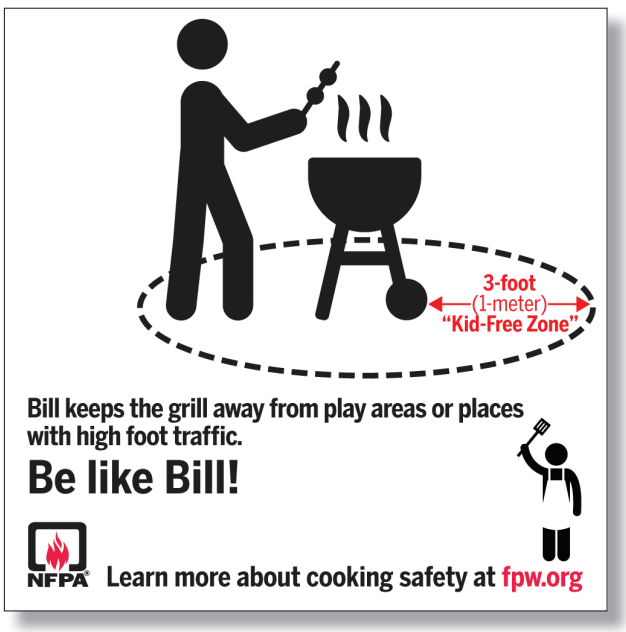
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking
- Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stove top

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire…

- Just get out! When you leave close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.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Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot. $1000 Jackpot – first Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. Tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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Oct. 5: OPEN 2 to 6 p.m.
Oct. 6: Open 2 to 9 p.m. – Fish/Chips 5 to 8 p.m.
Oct. 7: Open 2 to 6 p.m. – Meat Draw 3 p.m.
Oct. 8 to 10: Closed - Happy Thanksgiving
Oct. 11 – OPEN 2 to 6 p.m. – Darts 2 p.m.

Breakfast changed to Oct. 15 in view of Thanksgiving

If you are planning an event our Ladies Auxiliary would be pleased to cater. Please call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange

Upcoming events: Karoake will be back on Oct. 28 with Halloween costume option. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Stay tuned for more information

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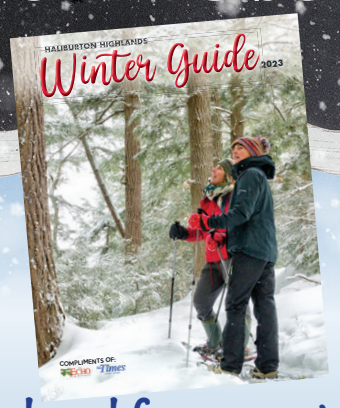

To see your local free event listed in our Winter Guide Magazine, email
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The guide will include events that take place in December 2023, and January, February, March, April 2024.

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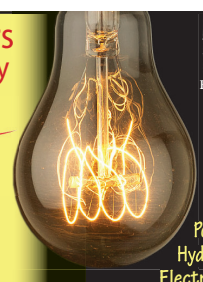

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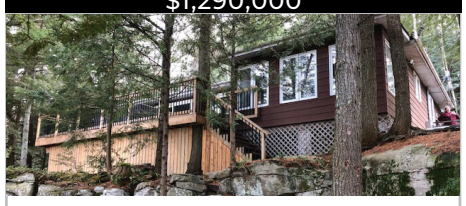
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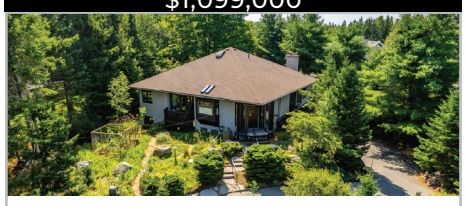
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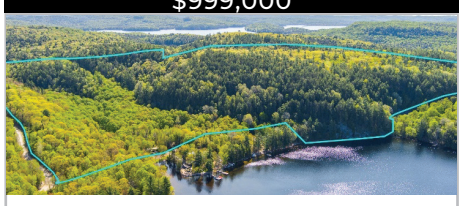
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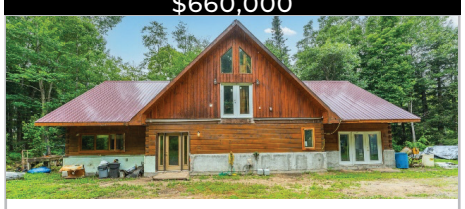
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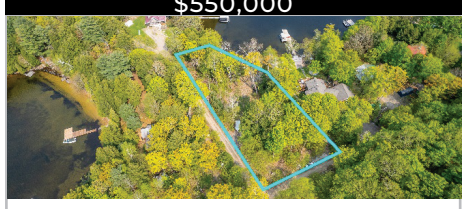
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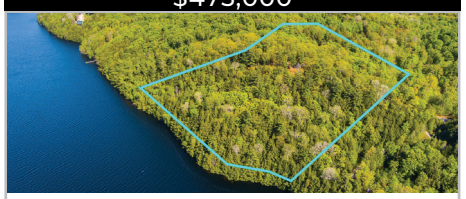
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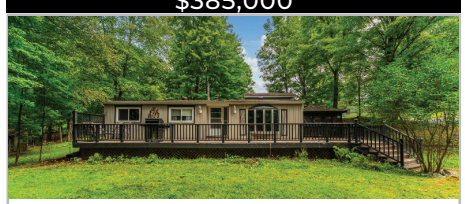
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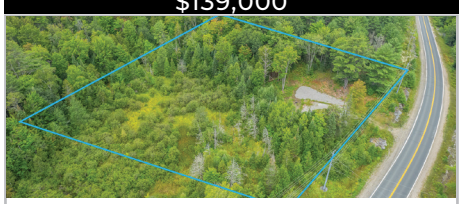
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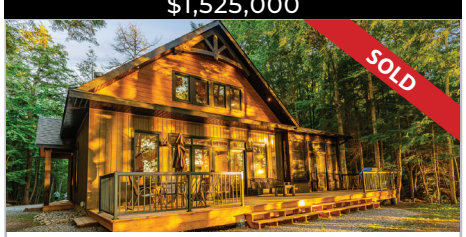

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Police watch local banks

Police forces throughout Haliburton and Muskoka were placed on alert Monday in anticipation of a possible bank robbery.

Residents of Minden, Haliburton Village, Dorset and Wilberforce in this county were well aware of increased police activity in the core areas. Police cruisers could be seen at regular intervals passing in front of the local banking establishments while other officers were in evidence walking along the main street.

A similar "high profile" police presence was maintained in communities in Muskoka.

Staff in all local bank branches were informed of the situation and extra precautions were in force in all locations.

According to the police spokesman, the information that a bank robbery may be attempted in the Muskoka - Haliburton area became known some time ago in Huntsville. The spokesman was unable to elaborate on how authorities became aware of the information or the identity of the supposed bank robbers.

In any event, if a group had been planning to hold up a local bank, the show of police force Monday must have been enough to put an end to any such undertaking. Tuesday, a police spokesman reported that nothing illegal had been attempted at any of the area banks.

Federal, provincial, county and municipal representatives shared the honours Tuesday as the ribbon was cut marking the official opening of the new senior citizens apartment complex in Minden. Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller, third from right, led the scissor brigade. Others helping with the opening of the 20 unit building included John Eakins MPP, Haliburton Warden Malcolm McGillivray, a representative of the tenants, Minden Reeve Sinc Nesbitt, Ontario Housing representative and Bill Scott, M.P.

Council awaits shore policy

While at least one township in Haliburton County has decided to go ahead with the closing and sale of shore allowance to abutting land owners, most municipalities are waiting for comments on the policy from the Ontario Ministry of Housing. The wait is making some Reeves impatient, but apparently that ministry guideline should be released shortly.

The matter of the sale of shoreline allowance was raised at the October 15 meeting of County Council. A number of letters from various provincial agencies were read reviewing policies which had already been made public and advising that the housing ministry comments would soon be forthcoming.

At least one letter, that from the Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett, amended an earlier letter he had sent to the council. Bennett pointed out in this latest letter that revenue obtained by municipalities from the sale of shore allowance would have to be used for the acquisition, development or improvement of park land. The minister pointed out that this restriction on the use of the funds was spelled out in the Ontario Municipal Act.

A previous letter from the minister had indicated that the funds were to be used, in the general account of the county, for road rights of way or park land.

Minden Reeve Sinc Nesbitt expressed concern that the province was taking so long to announce its policy with regard to the closing of shore allowances. He said that inquiries to his office are "piling up" and he felt the municipalities shouldn't have to keep passing the blame onto the Ministry of Housing for the lack of action. "We've got to get moving soon," Nesbitt commented.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearry stated the Ministry of Treasure, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs is reviewing the portion of the Municipal Act with regard to shore allowances. He said they are attempting to simplify the process and suggested the members of the council should wait until the province has had an opportunity to explain its position. He said a statement is expected from the government in November.

Deputy Reeve of Lutterworth Township, Glynne Lewis told the meeting that his township is proceeding with applications received although it is being pointed out to the applicants that the final policy from the province has yet to be received.

Ratepayers' group formed -taxes will be first target

A Minden ratepayers association has been formed and appears ready to go to bat to prove that taxpayers in this municipality have been contributing to county coffers over and above the amount they should be paying.

The group was officially formed Thursday evening at a meeting held in the township offices. About 23 individuals were on hand for the meeting, down from the 36 who attended the first meeting several weeks ago.

The organizer of the group, J.O. Jackson, commented that as the meeting opened, that he was disappointed to see fewer people attending. The organizer speculated that one reason more individuals had not shown up was because they were not aware of the inequities that existed in the present tax system. "I hope we can get the message across to them," he said.

Jackson said, "People are willing to complain on the street corner, but many of them are not prepared to become involved. If this organization is to function, people must be keenly involved," Jackson told the audience.

According to Jackson, Minden taxpayers are being taxes at a rate equal to what residents of Lindsay, Peterborough and Oshawa are paying. He claimed that in some municipalities, assessment of property has lagged far behind that in other townships. He said this means those townships which have undergone reassessments recently are carrying a greater burden of the tax load.

Noting that a new system of assessment, referred to as "market value assessment" is expected to come into force in the next year, Jackson said if the reassessment is carried out properly it will mean a readjustment of taxes paid by all county residents.

The group's attack on taxes in Anson, Hindon and Minden Township is based on two areas of complaint. The first is that other townships in the county have not kept pace with the reassessment of property. "Assessment has not changed in some townships for 25 years," Jackson told the meeting.

Jackson said that the uneven assessment throughout the county was due to provincial assessors not carrying out their jobs correctly. He claimed, for example that some assessment in Lutterworth Township had not been updated since 1961.

Jackson told the meeting that for the group to become effective it must represent citizens from all parts of the

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The race is on

Only three townships in Haliburton County will see races for the positions of reeve and deputy reeve in the coming municipal election. This fact was revealed after candidates for the November 10 vote filed their nomination papers in municipal offices around the county.

The races for reeve will be taking place in Anson, Hindon and Minden, Lutterworth, and Snowdon Townships. The Deputy Reeve's chair is to be contested in Snowdon, Glamorgan and Cardiff Townships.

In one municipality, Sherborne McClintock and Livingstone, there will be no election this year as all seats on the local council have been filled by acclamation. It appeared for a while that there would be a contest for the reeve's chair as Marlene Shortreed had filed her papers in opposition to the incumbent Reeve Fred Baum. Shortreed however withdrew her nomination bid by 5 p.m. Tuesday leaving Baum to be acclaimed to the office.

There appeared to be a contest for councillor in Sherborne, McClintock and Livingstone Monday evening as four names had been filed for the three available spots. However Dalton MacDonald had also filed papers for the position of Deputy Reeve. Since no other candidate had sought that office he withdrew from the council race leaving the three candidates to win by acclamation and he took the deputy's chair in the same manner.

Also in that municipality, no one has stepped forward to contest the seat on the Board of Education. According to the clerk of the municipality, nominations for that position have been extended until 5 p.m. today (October 22).

The only other council seat for which there will be no election occurred in Ward Three of Dysart et al. Sid Cooper stood unopposed at the close of nominations in that section of the township and was acclaimed to office.

Elections will be held in the other two wards in that township.

Elections will be held in only two municipalities to decide seats on the county Board of Education. In all other townships except Dysart et al and Monmouth the positions have been filled by acclamation.

The following is a county-wide round-up of who is in the running for the November 10 vote. The two northern municipalities of Victoria County have been included in this tally. In all townships one reeve and one deputy reeve are to be elected with three members to be chosen for council seats. The number of trustees to serve on the board of education is listed after that heading. Offices that have been filled by acclamation are in bold face type.

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Deputy Reeve: Doug Pritchard, the incumbent by acclamation.

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